

I-70 Frontage Road Newsletter
November 2011
(sent via email November 23, 2011)

Good morning everyone,

This is your November 2011 newsletter update for project C 0703 – 378 (18648): I-70 Frontage Road. If anyone finds that I have not included something that needs to go out to all stakeholders and team members or finds an error please let me know as soon as possible so I can correct it. If you know anyone who needs to be added to this newsletter list please send the contact information to Benjamin Acimovic. If you have questions please check our new website, or contact me or any of the team.

<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70frontageroad-idahosprings>

[Project Leadership Team/Technical Team/CSS: \(UPDATED\)](#)

On November 1, 2011, Idaho Springs hosted Project Leadership / Technical Team (PLT/TT) meeting #2.5. The team reviewed and approved a work plan, stakeholder involvement plan, screening criteria and proposed cross-sections, thus completing CSS Steps 3 and 4. We have posted the finalized meeting materials on our website.

Based on the input from the last PLT/TT meeting, we have developed a preliminary set of plans and will present those at the FIELD INSPECTION REVIEW MEETING(FIR) with CDOT staff and the PLT/TT on December 1st, 2011 – 9:00AM to 12:00PM, 425 C Corporate Circle, Golden, Colorado, 80401 – Trail Ridge Conference Room. Those plans have been posted for your review on the website.

We are planning to hold PLT/TT #3 December 15th from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at the Idaho Springs City Hall at 1711 Miner St in Idaho Springs to complete CSS Step 5 (Evaluate, Select and Refine Alternatives and Options) and resolve any issues with the frontage road and greenway design that are raised at the FIR meeting.

If you have any questions about the PLT/TT or the CSS process for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Janet Gerak at Janet.Gerak@dot.state.co.us or (303) 365-7043.

[Design Progress: \(UPDATED\)](#)

At the request of the PLT/TT, we held Greenway Issue Task Force meeting #1 on November 22nd to identify the issues relevant to the design of the greenway in both Phase I and Phase II of the

Frontage Road project. Full meeting minutes will be available on the website before the next PLT/TT meeting. Discussion highlighted the following action items:

1. In the frontage road FIR plans, CDOT will identify needs and opportunities for horizontal infrastructure, design for necessary access point adjustments, and confirm ROW needs for the greenway alignment.
2. Mary Jane Loevlie will schedule the greenway plan for review at the Planning Commission.
3. CDOT will develop a map to clarify the property ownership around the twin tunnels area which will be posted on the frontage road website.
4. CDOT will clarify any design or construction restrictions related to the high power line easement.
5. Tim Mauck confirmed that having the trail on the creek side of the frontage road in Phase I is the county preference.
6. Tim Mauck will arrange a meeting after the FIR meeting between adjacent property owners, Clear Creek, Idaho Springs, and CDOT to confirm how to address issues about historic and ROW impacts around the gravel road, as well as other issues related to the Phase II alignment.
7. Prior to the documentation in the Twin Tunnels EA, CDOT will provide a written commitment about their intent to preserve the functionality, visibility, and character of the Lancaster Bridge.
8. At the FIR meeting, we need to clarify if we want to reduce shoulders to increase an 8 foot bike trail to get 10 feet.

If you have any questions about the design progress for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Benjamin Acimovic at Benjamin.Acimovic@dot.state.co.us or (720) 951-6151.

[Project Development Schedule: \(UPDATED\)](#)

SWEEP Meeting	November 30, 2011
Field Inspection Review (FIR) Meeting (Preliminary Plans)	December 1, 2011
PLT/TT Meeting #3	December 15, 2011
ALIVE Meeting	TBD (January 2012)
Greenway Issue Task Force Meeting #2	TBD (January 2012)
Utilities Issue Task Force #1	TBD (January 2012)
Final Office Review (FOR) Meeting	March 2012
Project Advertisement	April 2012

Additional PLT/TT meetings, issue task force meetings and other milestone dates will be scheduled as needed.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project so far! If you have any questions, additions, corrections, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me or Jim Bemelen at (303) 757-7010 at your convenience.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Weekend!

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